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## USDA GRADUATE SCHOOL

Registration begins Saturday, September 11, for the fall semester--September 20 to January 14--of the USDA Graduate School. The hours of registration will be 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 13 through 17, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, September 11 and 18; the place is the Patio of the Administration Building.

The School is popularly thought of as offering graduate-level courses in specialized fields of particular interest to Government employees. It may not be so well known that many undergraduate courses and several "hobby" courses are also available. Elementary French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish, as well as intermediate and advanced classes in these languages, are to be offered in the coming semester. There are four courses in speech, eight in English and literature, and five in the field of written presentation. Mathematics is represented by courses ranging from freshman mathematics and trigonometry through the calculus to differential equations and vector analysis--take your pick. Do you like psychology? You may choose from five courses including "Child and Adolescent Psychology."

Hobbyists will be intrigued by such courses as "Pencil Sketching and Freehand Drawing," "Survey of Art," "Home Decoration," "Landscape Development of the Small Property," "Glass Blowing," "Great Books,"

## REPORT ON THE LUNCHEON

The inaugural FCA monthly luncheon on September 1 was, as predicted, highly successful. We have just returned therefrom to our desk replete with food and small talk, and are somewhat hard-pressed to keep from nodding over this article, and setting a poor example for our readers.

Seriously, there was a whopping good lunch for 60¢: roast and dressing, sliced tomatoes, corn and beans, hot muffin and butter, coffee, and pie (with seconds on coffee). You can't beat that. And we chatted with a number of people we hadn't seen in months. Animated conversations were going on at all the tables, and the spontaneity of the whole affair left a pleasant afterglow. We noticed that practically all divisions were well represented. Everyone had been served and had finished eating by 12:35.

Circle September 30 on your calendar. On or before that date place your reservation with Katherine Delany for the next luncheon on Wednesday, October 6. We guarantee you'll enjoy it.

"Popular Photography."

We predict that the maximum enrollment will be reached in a matter of minutes after registration opens for the class in "Managing Personnel Finances."

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## Strictly Personal

**Administrative.** General Files femmes are exchanging ideas on ways to lengthen their hemlines. All suggestions are welcome. Your peripatetic reporter suggests you hear EDNA MARIE BEIRNE in F&A tell what happy (and chic) results MARJORIE HINDS in LB achieved with a suit. ALICE SNUFFER was honor guest at a belated birthday dinner at Hogates. ROSE FLEMING is heading west to attend son Hubert's graduation from Iowa State. ARMA SMITH and her daughter ARMA JO celebrated with dinner at the Statler the former's birthday and the latter's acceptance of a position with the Hoover Commish. Our apologies to ARMA, too. Seems her friends have been asking about her new car, account of a Grapevine item. 'Sall our fault--tain't new, it's borrowed from her son, and her parking space is only part-time. Are we in your good graces again now, ARMA? The best of luck to LOWELL COLLINS and CHARLIE LOCKWOOD who transferred to GAO and to MARY CROOP who's now with USFHS.

**Cooperative.** August vacationers included B. F. VIEHMANN, MARTHA HEAD, J. P. MARKEY, and LILLIAN MASSE. Sympathy to KAY PRICE whose grandmother died in Kansas this week.

**Cooperative Research and Service.** The line forms at the right to congratulate ROBERT BYRNE who was married in Chicago August 21. JOHN MANN acquired a new daughter-in-law recently and LACEY RICKEY will follow suit September 11. We all miss A. W. McKAY who is having another bout with his virus foe. During their vacations LINDEN MARTIN and HARRY WEIGANDT lost their father-in-law and

uncle, respectively. We want to express our sympathy to them both. Good luck to LAURA MILLER who's gone to the Instructions Section and HELEN WALKER, MAHLON SELBY's office. Lucky people who missed the recent heat wave are ANNE GESSNER, ALICE HUBBARD, FLORENCE BELL, RUSHIA OWENS, GLADYS EARHART, and J. K. SAMUELS. How did they pick just the right time to leave Washington? PAUL WILKINS is ready to go again--he got back from his vacation just in time to suffer with the rest of us. Attention Saturday-night bathers. We understand Niagara Falls furnishes excellent shower facilities. How about it RUTH?

**Economic and Credit Research.** DELPHINE BEIRNE has returned to her first love, Graphic. BETTY FREW and her family motored to NYC last WE to see her new niece and also to bring Mrs. Frew back to Washington.

**Examination.** We're in heaven now. We've an ARCHANGEL with us, RITA by name. NORMA DIAZ has returned to the Steno Pool. The GEORGE OLSONs are on a cross-country trip, and the KEITH SCOTTs are touring Canada and other points north. BILL LEE spent 3 quiet weeks at home.

**FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.** Has anybody heard from DOROTHY DICK since she left for 4 weeks in St. Louis and Palmyra, or is she whoopin' it up as we suspect? BILL ALBRIGHT's few days off were spent with his father, here from Miami. We're glad to see LUELLE MORRIS back after a siege of summer flu. W. T. McKEOWN is on a business trip to the West Coast. GENE WRIGHT's wife, LORRAINE (a former FCA-er) and his daughter Pam came in for a visit. Ditto VAL OLEYNICK's wife and son Gregory. VAL has not yet had an opportunity to show off his son to quite everybody in FCA. JEAN AMOS is really filling her evenings with either school work or running her new sewing machine. BERT THURBER is in a new niche in F&A, in Administrative Accts. Subdivision. Other new faces near the fourth wing, 6th floor are EDGAR HIRAM DYE 2 (call him HIRAM), DON VINEYARD, and BURT



SEANOR, the latter an oldie from LB Division. Dear Mr. Editor, If you've put anything in about my new toy, 'PAT'S "C-ROSS"', please add that I am now being called "Barney Oldfield" by JIMMY PITTS et al., account of because it tried to push an automobile out of its path and ended up looking like an egg shell--crushed. Your wiser (and poorer) Social Editor. [Ed. Note: Tech. tech.]



Production Credit. MARIE ZANDONINI spent a few days at Virginia Beach last week. That new DeSoto belongs to ART ESGATE. The DON RUSSELLs expect to move soon to their new home in Annandale, Va. The PAUL FANKHAUSERS are taking a motor trip through Wisconsin and Canada. What's this, PAUL, about being the object of a search by all the officers on the Canadian Border.

Alumni. Joyce Hoberecht, the daughter of the late MILTON HOBERECHT, has chosen September 5 as the date of her marriage to James Richard Kuechler in Columbia, Mo., where Joyce and Mrs. Hoberecht now make their home. MARY HAGUE's many FCA friends are sorry to learn she underwent a major operation last June in San Diego, Calif., where she is living with her family. We were all saddened to hear of the death of ALENE FOSTER DUNHAM's husband. He was killed in a fall from a train. ANN WHEELER says BETTY MELVIN is now working in the War Department. More babies arriving to our folks: INEZ and JOHN BARBER welcomed John Henry Barber, Jr., August 4. The young man weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 oz., at George Washington Hospital. VIRGINIA BRADBURY JONES is singing lullabies to a baby girl born August 3 in KC. NEVA CARLSON, visiting here with FLORENCE SCHENCK of F&A, dropped in to see

several of her former co-workers.

#### REMINDER

Maybe FCA people are healthier than last year and have fewer headaches. Or perhaps most of us are dilatory. In any event, your General Service Committee is getting perturbed about the few orders which have been received thus far for vitamins and aspirin. The Club purchase plan offers notable savings on both of these necessities; but the advertised prices will hold only if a sufficiently large group order is accumulated. The Committee urges you not to wait until the deadline, September 17, before sending in your order. Submit orders to George Waas, room 5821. Additional order forms can be obtained from Mr. Waas.

#### ANOTHER

The Farm Credit Club committees want to assist with activities in which you are interested. However, if you don't let them know your wishes, they will not be able to lend their support. Help by returning immediately the "club activity list" sent to you several days ago. Even if you are not interested in any of the Club's activities, please sign the activity list and return it to Laura Miller, room 6247.

#### NOT FOR MEN

Bowling season starts September 14, and the Ladies FCA Duckpin League still has to set up its teams! We'd like to do this at a meeting on Wednesday, September 8, at 2:30 p.m. in room 5860. Plan now to attend this IMPORTANT meeting... and join the fun each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Bowling Alleys on 14th Street.

Don't be a Sanka Head. Sanka heads are careless workers who can be described thus: "All the active ingredients have been removed from the bean."

We've only skimmed over the available courses. Complete details and prerequisites are given in the 1948-49 bulletin of the USDA Graduate School, which may be obtained in Room 1031, South Building.

Satire, romance, mystery, and humor. You can buy them all for 2 cents a day at the Club Library in room 6841. New books coming up include The Plague by Alfred Camus, The Secret Thread by Ethel Vance, And Be a Villain by Rex Stout, and Western Ha! by S. Perelman.

Helen Haseltine, who is in charge of the Club's lending library, has taken over the ordering of books and magazines at discount, succeeding Ruby Young. See her during library hours, 1:00 to 1:30 daily.

#### BETTER BUY

The Washington Post recently carried under this caption an article explaining the difference between grades of eggs. Based on a USDA release, the Post comments that grade B eggs, which are usually plentiful at this time of year, are often a better buy for many cooking uses than Grade A eggs because they cost less by the dozen.

Grade B eggs have been selling on retail markets this summer at from 5 to 15 cents less a dozen than grade A eggs, yet they have essentially the same nutritive value and for most cooking purposes are just as good.

Every housewife who counts her pennies should understand the difference between the more expensive AA or A grade eggs and those of lower grade. AA or A grade eggs have a large proportion of firm white standing up well around the yolk, and the yolk itself is round and upstanding.

Eggs of lower quality have a smaller proportion of thick white and more thin white. When broken, the whites spread out more and the yolk is less round and may 4

Publication of this issue of Grapevine seems likely to be delayed because of some meeting or other that's going to be held up in Springfield next week, so it is doubtful if this reaches you before the Labor Day weekend. For this reason we are omitting outing news for September 4 and 5.

On Saturday, September 11, there will be a bird observation walk along the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Parkway, sponsored by the National Capital Parks. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at stop 30 on the Glen Echo street car line, which is MacArthur Blvd. and Walthonding Rd. This is the first of four such trips scheduled on alternate weekends through October. Also on Saturday, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m., a "jungle jaunt" tour of Theodore Roosevelt Island in the Potomac. Meet at the boat landing at the foot of Wisconsin Ave., N.W. (25¢ round trip on ferry--wear hiking clothes). Sunday, September 12, you may join an all-day tour by private cars and chartered buses of the Civil War Defenses of Washington. Meet at MacArthur Blvd. and Chain Bridge Rd. N.W. at 9:30 a.m., bring lunch. Special busses (\$1.45) leave 1416 F, N.W. at 9:00 a.m.

The intimate Sunday concerts at 8:00 p.m. in the East Garden Court of the National Gallery of Art will be resumed September 12, with Neil Pargeman, mezzo soprano, and Ned Rorem, pianist.

break easily. This is why grade A eggs are better for poaching, frying and cooking in water. But for scrambling and other cooking purposes, the thrifty housewife can save on her food budget by buying grade B.